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Substitute Senate Bill No. 287

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The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES FOR NUTRITIONAL SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-302a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) The Department on Aging and the Department of Social Services
4 shall hold quarterly meetings with nutrition service stakeholders to (1)
5 develop recommendations to address complexities in the
6 administrative processes of nutrition services, (2) establish quality
7 control benchmarks, [and] (3) help move toward greater quality,
8 efficiency and transparency in the elderly nutrition program, and (4)
9 study alternative sources of funding for nutritional services.
10 Stakeholders shall include, but not be limited to, [area] (A) one
11 representative of each of the following: (i) Area agencies on aging, (ii)
12 access agencies, (iii) the Commission on Aging, and (iv) nutrition
13 providers, and (B) one or more representatives of food security
14 programs, [and] contractors, nutrition host [site representatives] sites

15 and consumers.

16 (b) The departments and the nutrition service stakeholders shall
 17 submit a report on their findings and recommendations, in accordance
 18 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of
 19 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging
 20 not later than January 1, 2016.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2015	17a-302a
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a), "a representative of area agencies on aging, access agencies, the Commission on Aging, nutrition providers, representatives of food security programs and contractors, nutrition host site representatives and consumers" was changed to "[area] (A) one representative of each of the following: (i) Area agencies on aging, (ii) access agencies, (iii) the Commission on Aging, and (iv) nutrition providers, and (B) one or more representatives of food security programs, [and] contractors, nutrition host [site representatives] sites and consumers" and in Subsec. (b), "The nutrition stakeholder work group shall submit a report on its" was changed to "The departments and the nutrition service stakeholders shall submit a report on their" for clarity.

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill adds responsibilities for the Departments of Aging and Social Services as part of the currently required nutrition service stakeholders meetings. There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 287*****AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES FOR NUTRITIONAL SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes changes to the quarterly meetings between the Departments of Aging and Social Services and nutrition stakeholders. By law, the departments and stakeholders meet quarterly to (1) develop recommendations to address complexities in the administration of nutrition services, (2) establish quality control benchmarks, and (3) help the elderly nutrition program improve quality, efficiency, and transparency. The bill requires them to (1) study, at their quarterly meetings, alternative funding sources for nutritional services and (2) report their findings and recommendations from such meetings to the Aging Committee by January 1, 2016. Presumably, the quarterly meetings continue beyond January 1, 2016.

Current law does not specify a stakeholder's number of representatives. The bill specifies that nutrition stakeholders include (1) one representative each from area agencies on aging, access agencies, the Commission on Aging, and nutrition providers and (2) one or more representatives of food security programs and contractors, nutrition host sites, and consumers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/05/2015)